

Annex B Case study 1 YFAS

A single 44 year old male was admitted to hospital under the Mental Health Act suffering from a severe depression.

Following 2 years of treatment the detention and section was brought to an end. He remained an informal patient in a secure ward with the intention to move him to accommodation of his own.

Supported by xxxxx , the focus was to find a suitable move on property and a co-ordinated support package to assist a move back into the community

The customer signed up for an unfurnished self contained privately rented property whilst continuing to receive ongoing support from his psychiatric team, assertive outreach team, as well as tenancy support through Foundation.

He receives Employment and Support Allowance of £108.15 per week and had budgeted well to save up for sign up fees and rent in advance but could not afford to buy the basic essentials to furnish his new home.

With the help of his Support Worker he made an application to the Community fund and received £1285 to furnish his flat.

His Support Worker advises that he has thrived since moving to his flat.

The grant really 'lifted his spirits' and 'he still goes on about it'. The level grant allowed him to buy new goods. He wouldn't have been able to feel secure and have pride in his home without it. The alternative was to 'be released from hospital with nothing.'

He was instantly settled and every agency involved in reviewing his progress is very happy with how he's doing. He has been looking into going to university and is now attending an Art College in Leeds and getting into photography.

As a result of the praise that this customer gave to YFAS, a social worker from another part of Yorkshire rang the Support Worker to ask about the York scheme.

The Support Worker advised that the he found the application process easy and the processing of the grant 'really good.